



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This week's edition is full of opportunities and news that we hope you can use. We are especially pleased with the large number of people who have been helped by Rx For Indiana.

Next Thursday thru Sunday, our staff will assist with signing people up on Rx For Indiana at the Black and Minority Health Fair at Indiana Black Expo. If you have not yet signed up on Rx for Indiana, stop by Booth 301 in Hall D and visit with us as we introduce Rx For Indiana to the many visitors at Black Expo..

The Grantmanship Center's: New Business Ventures for Nonprofits

The Indiana Youth Institute will host a three day intensive workshop: The Grantmanship Center's New Business Ventures for Nonprofits Monday, August 15—Wednesday, August 17th at 603 East Washington Street, Indianapolis. This workshop will help organizations sort through the issues involved in planning a new business, demystify the process and determine if a business venture is appropriate for them.

Enrollment is limited to the first 30 registrants. Cost is \$575 (\$525 for additional registrants from the same organization). To enroll, contact The Grantsmanship Center's Registrar at 800-421-9512 or visit: www.tgci.com

Small Business Loans and Rx for Indiana

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the U.S. Small Business Administration will hold a joint workshop on Saturday, July 23, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, 418 34th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Learn more about RX for Indiana and how to start a business.

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New Law Regarding Non-Profit Organizations and Food Service

From the ISDH, June 20, 2005. State health officials report that legislation recently passed by the Indiana General Assembly has exempted nonprofit organizations, like churches, from the certified food handler requirement.

The certified food handler requirement was passed by the General Assembly in 2001, and required that all food establishments employ a certified food handler as of January 1, 2005.

"This new exemption means that nonprofit organizations providing food service to the public are not required to employ a certified food handler," said Terry Whitson, Assistant Commissioner, Health Care Regulatory Services at the Indiana State Department of Health.

"Private potlucks and pitch-ins have never been part of the certified food handler requirement. A certified food handler is not required for those events," said Whitson.

"While some of the food service provided by nonprofit organizations is limited in scope, we encourage organizations with extensive food service to voluntarily participate in the certified food handler program, even if it is not required," said Whitson.

Further information on the regulations and safe food handling procedures can be found at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/foodprot/index.htm> or by calling the Indiana State Department of Health at 317 233 7360.

RX For Indiana

82,399 people contacted the site to determine their eligibility for prescription drug assistance and 60,358 citizens are qualified for assistance. Thank you to Rx For Indiana for helping all of us!

